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WILLIAM HAMMOND, Esq;

In Justification of himself, from the false and
scandalous Aspersions of

Mrs. PILKINGTON,

In her M E M O I R S.



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LETTER, &c.

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SIR,

YOUR Letter of the 3d of this Month came not to my Hands till Yesterday; Mr. *Guerin*, supposing I was at Quarters, sent it to *Exeter*, from whence it was returned to me: I am, indeed, as you apprehend, very much astonished at the Purport of it, since I never expected or deserved so scandalous a Reflection upon my Character.

I do not remember to have seen Mrs. *Pilkington*, above two or three Times in my Life; once was at your House, when Doctor *Walker* * was present, who carried me there to see you, and while we stayed she entertained us with repeating Verses, which she said were of her own making. I cannot recollect any other Conversation I ever had with her while she lived with you; and since your Separation, I never to my Knowledge saw her.

I here in the most solemn Manner declare upon my Honour and Veracity, that you never did directly or indirectly, give me any Commission to act as she reports; neither did I ever learn from you, even by the remotest Hint, that there was any Misunderstanding between her and you, during my Acquaintance with you, which was never intimate. And I as solemnly declare,

* In Crowstreet.

clare, upon my Honour and Veracity, that I never did, directly or indirectly, say to Mrs. Pilkington, that you had given me such a Commission; nor did I ever, by any Behaviour or Hint of mine, give her the least Reason to suspect it; nor had I ever any the least Design or Inclination to be acquainted with her; and consequently, what she has published or reported of me is **IMPUDENTLY FALSE** and **GROUNDLESS**.

I presume, Sir, your Reputation is too well established, for so infamous a Story as this, to gain any Ground against it: And, I hope, I have not deserved so ill of the World, as to be thought capable of acting so dishonourable a Part in it, a Part I cannot think of, but with Indignation and Abhorrence.

If what I have here written is not a sufficient Vindication of your Innocence and my own from this wicked Asperision, I shall always be as ready to give that upon Oath, which I now do under the Hand of,

S I R,

Your Humble Servant,

Will. Hammond.

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